institutions in developing economies like India where the support service institutions are to be deregulated and to be made more pro-active/service-oriented.

Development of Textiles in J and K

2540. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been initiated to promote textile development in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the manufacture of silk carpets in Kashmir needed support from the Textile Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Recently, developmental schemes in the Wool, Silk, Handicraft and Handloom sectors have been initiated in Jammu & Kashmir State as part of the Jammu & Kashmir Package for Employment, Rail and Road Development, Relief and Security announced by Prime Minister on 23rd May, 2002 at Srinagar.

(b) Yes, Sir. The integrated development package for export of carpet is an important component of the Special Package and envisages support for manufacuture of silk carpets.

Scheme for Powerloom Sector

2541. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have plans to announce Rs. 700 crore scheme for the powerloom sector in the country;

(b) whether government are also planning to set up 15-20 powerloom parks in the next couple of years; and

(c) if so, what will be the marketing infrastructure thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) With a view to improve the working environment and enable the powerloom worker in obtaining higher productivity, Central Government